

In the News

Holiday Concert

The Northome School K-12 Holiday Music Concert is slated for Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the large gym.

No School

There will be no school on Monday, Nov. 6 for students or staff in observation of fall celebration.

Thanksgiving break will be Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. School will resume again on Monday, Nov. 27.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Northome School starting Tues, Nov. 7 and running through Friday, Nov. 10. Students will have the opportunity to buy books and other stuff sometime during those days.

Set up will be in the elementary school stage area at the bottom of the west stairs.

Winter Formal Dec. 16

"Dancing in a Winter Wonderland" is the theme for the 2023 Winter Formal Dance hosted by the Northome High School Student Council on Saturday, Dec. 16. in the Northome School big gym. More details will be printed when final plans are set.

Wreath Sales

The Class of 2025 is currently selling Christmas wreaths to raise funds for the 2024 Prom. Wreaths are \$15 and can be purchased from any class member. Talk to Cloey Buentemeier or Mariah Hanson for details. Sales close on Friday, Nov. 10. Deliveries will be made on Thursday, Dec. 16.

Skills class adds work crew to its curriculum to gain "real-life" experiences

By Cloey Buentemeier
The Mustang Express

Two sophomores have started a work crew at Northome School as part of their life skills class. They call themselves "JR's Crisis Crew"

Together they do a lot of different jobs like cleaning, vacuuming, cleaning windows, taking care of plants, and helping with the food shelf.

"If you have a problem with anything in the classroom let us know," said the guys.

Their supervisor is Cayla Buentemeier, a high school para. "Work skills and JRs Crisis Crew was started this year to help and prepare the boys for the importance of employment and financial independence," said Buentemeier.

She said that another benefit is the sense of accomplishment that comes from successful work.

"Not only is having a job a vital component for independence," she said, "but it is also extremely good

for all young adults."

"They are learning to be self-sufficient with the many different tasks we are doing around the school," she said.

Work order forms are outside Room 306. Staff and students can fill out the forms and put them back in the box in Room 306.

When the guys didn't know what to name their little enterprise, the teachers gave suggestions, then they all voted on the ones that they thought would fit for them.

They are open five days a week during school hours. If the staff needs something done that staff don't have time to do make sure you go to 306 and fill in a form. They are normally doing their work fourth hour.

Teacher Mrs. Monica Fontana came up with this idea so that students know what a job looks like and have some life skills when they graduate.



Para Cayla Buentemeier assists a member of the JR Crisis Crew as they bag cotton candy for the student council Halloween activities day. (Photo by Monica Fontana)

Tutor-Mentor Program starts Wednesday, Nov. 1

By Annette Hanson
Tutor Mentor Coordinator

The Tutor-Mentor Program works with students in grades 7-12 to help raise their academic skills through remediation and assistance with homework. This program is offered Wednesdays after school from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. Tutor-Mentor will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

A typical Wednesday starts with students matched to a teach-

er/para mentor. At 3:15 p.m. students have an after school snack. After snack, students are put into groups and get homework support and personal academic tutoring in the areas where they struggle.

From 4:15 - 4:30 p.m., students are given a break. After break they continue to work until 5:30 p.m.

Students may ride the activity bus home. Transportation leaves the school at 5:30 p.m. Students

need to sign up for the activity bus by 12:30 p.m. Wednesday if they intend to take the bus home that evening.

This service, snack, and transportation home are available at no cost to parents.

Students are expected to bring enough work to keep them busy and utilize their time wisely. This time is to be used for academic help

only and not for after school recreation.

If a student has behavior issues during Tutor-Mentor, that student will get one warning. After that warning, the student will no longer be able to participate in the program.

If you have any questions please contact Anette at 218-897-5275, ext 156.

Annual Packing Part Friday, Nov. 10

Bible Buddies Youth Group is hosting a shoebox packing party on Friday, Nov. 10 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Northome Community Church.

At the PACKING PARTY, everyone will have a snack with us,

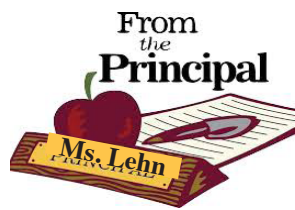
watch a short video about Operation Christmas Child and - following some "direction" - the volunteers will begin the packing.

Call Kathy J. 218-556-8640 if you have any questions, gift items, \$\$ to donate

October Golden Apple

The Golden Apple winner for the month of October is Gracie Arhart. She has stepped into her new role well and is doing a great job! The kids always cheer when they get to work with her. She is always willing to help and will step up if a job needs to get done. She is beyond helpful to both the students and staff and a great person to have on our team here at Northome.





*Knowledge is Power!
Where will it take you?*

**A Message from
Ms. MacKenzie Lehn**

Happy Fall Y'all!

Can you believe that the end of Quarter 1 is already around the corner!? Nov. 3 wraps up the first quarter of the year. Where did the time go?

Our staff and students started the year off strong. We have been busy focusing on our goals and having fun. We have a lot of great things ahead of us for this year. Just a reminder to parents and students, teachers are available to help students during breakfast and home-room each day. Feel free to reach out to the teacher or Ms. Lehn so that arrangements can be made.

Tutor Mentor will also be starting in November. It will be held every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. with late rides available. This is a great time to get extra support from a licensed teacher for classwork or homework. Utilize this opportunity!

PBIS

Our PBIS theme for the month of October is Excellence. There are many times in our day to day lives that we get caught up on what we are struggling with or need to be better at. Sometimes we need a remind-

er to take a step back and think about what we are good at. We all have strengths in different areas and we must celebrate these strengths together.

During the month of October, students and staff had the opportunity to reflect on what they excel at and then add it to the display in the Commons for everyone to see.

A few things that were posted included; reading, friendship, math, fitness, football, etc. It's important that we celebrate together because TOGETHER, WE GO FAR!

CLIMB Theatre

CLIMB Theatre visited our Preschool through sixth grade classrooms in the beginning of October. CLIMB Theatre is a touring company that creates customized plays and classes that build accountability, resiliency, empathy, advocacy and self-control.

They use the power of live theatre to inspire children and adults to build better communities and make the world a better place. This fall, our students learned about showing resiliency and owning up to our mistakes. Students learned dif-

ferent strategies through games, chants and fun!

Social Media Today

Did you know that a shocking 92.7% of all Internet users participate in at least one social media platform? This number has more than doubled since 2015. Some may say that it is just part of their daily life.

Social media brings many benefits to society but also brings challenges. I ask that families take time to review appropriate and responsible use of social media.

A few things to consider; develop a household plan for social media, set time limits, ensure that privacy settings are set for each platform, model responsible social media behavior, and always be kind.

I encourage all of our students to create boundaries and be cautious with what they share through social media. Once a picture or statement is posted, anyone can access it.

Unless it is something that is going to bring joy or positivity for you or others, think twice before you share it.

Halo Awards

I would like to send two halos. I would like to send a halo out to my parents Carl and Donna Bucks for helping me out by chopping up the Rutabagas for St. Michael's Booya dinner. I appreciate you both. Thanks again.

--Sara Fahey
Teacher

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I would like to send a halo out to Mr. Corey White for his help with the German Club jerky sales. The German Club appreciates you Corey. Thank you Frau Fahey

Thank you so much to **Ms. Teresa Weidenborner** for fixing the horrible hairdo I got. I felt so much better after you fixed what had been done.

--Mariah Hanson
Junior

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Thank you so much to **Ms. Libby Wickum** for taking our senior picture. We appreciate your time and effort.

--Class of 2024

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Thank you to **Amanda Baird** for her donation of learning tools for the kindergarten classroom. We are so grateful and excited to use everything!

Halo to **Mr. Bernie Elhard** for making the kindergarten class a cool wooden puzzle!

Thank you to **Rheva Leach** and her family for making and donating a class set of Quiet Critters. We have loved using them during work time!

--Amber Bender
Teacher

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Thank you, Ms. Fontana, for all your hard work for student council.

--Cloey Buentemeier
Junior

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Thank you **Mr. Hanson and the construction** class for the benches you made for around the fire pit at home.

--Cayla Buentemeier
Para

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Thank you to **Cayla Buentemeier** for all your help on the tenth grade Career Expo trip.

Thank you to **Coach Molnar** for being flexible with the volleyball practice schedule so our tenth graders could all attend the Grand Forks Career Expo trip.

Thank you to **Nikki Adegun** for all your help with arrangements for testing and field trips on days when I am not in the building.

--Christine Lundin
Counselor

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Deadlines

The deadline for most news in the Express is noon

on the Friday the week before publication. Exceptions are obituaries and reports on weekend events

Letters

Letters to the editor and other opinion articles are welcomed. Letters must be signed and include address and phone number for verification of authenticity. We reserve the right to edit lengthy letters.

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Editorial Policy and Guidelines of *The Mustang Express*

The school press is governed by the same basic legal rights and responsibilities as the professional press. High school journalists have the right guaranteed in the First Amendment to free expression, insofar as published items may not contain libel or obscenity, invade the privacy of individuals, incite or violate the laws of copyright.

Stated generally, the goals of student publications at Northome High School are to inform, entertain, interpret and provide a sounding board for ideas and opinions of students and faculty of NHS.

In addition, it is understood that publications are primarily designed to serve as a laboratory experience for students interested in learning the techniques of sound journalistic practice. While staff members are expected to strive for professional quality, we recognize that they are engaged in an educational venture, and as such, room for trial and error must be allowed.

While the advisor may provide suggestions about content, the final responsibility rests with the advisor, students and administration.

School board adopts Safe Return to In-Person Learning 2023-2024

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will continue our efforts to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment for our students, educators, and other staff for the 2023-2024 school year by continuing to follow MDE, MDH and CDC requirements.

These standards include following the steps below:

1. Health Screening - All students and staff are asked to conduct a daily self-screening and stay home if necessary. This is considered a good general health practice.

2. All students and staff should stay home if they are sick until at least 24 hours after their fever* (temperature of 100 degrees

Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher) is gone. Temperature should be measured without the use of fever-reducing medicines (medicines that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

3. Quarantine--Following direction from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), South Koochiching-Rainy River ISD #363 has modified our guidelines regarding 5-day isolation and quarantine for COVID-19. The following guidelines are now in operation within the SKRR School District.

South Koochiching-Rainy River will require a 5-day isolation for a positive Covid-19 case. After the

5 day period, students and employees returning to school must not have symptoms (coughing, fever, tiredness, body aches etc...).

The Minnesota Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control are now recommending that instead of quarantining if you are considered a "Household Exposure" to a positive COVID-19 case, that students and staff will be permitted to come to school if they wear a mask for 5 consecutive days and are not exhibiting any symptoms (fever, cough, tiredness, body aches etc...). Household exposures that choose NOT to wear a mask for 5 consecutive days will not be allowed to attend school.

Reporting positive cases, quarantine and isolation:

- South Koochiching-Rainy River will ask students and/or staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 to quarantine or isolate for 5 days from the positive test date if asymptomatic, or from the day of first symptom.

- Please notify health service at your students' school if symptoms or positive tests for COVID-19 occur. School will NOT conduct contact tracing initially unless circumstances require.

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay home for a minimum of five (5) days from the time symp-

toms started and/or the time they tested positive for COVID-19. They may not return to school until after that time and symptoms must be improving.

- Students in quarantine or isolation will be able to utilize remote learning. If they are able, all students must complete required work or assignments. Please contact the building principal or school nurse with questions.

All of these expectations are subject to change as MDH and the CDC may revise their protocol throughout the year, or extra safety precautions need to be implemented due to a school or community outbreak of Covid-19.

Families, community have chance to help raise funds for student club accounts

By Stephanie Skaret
Indian Ed Coordinator

Would you as a parent, grandparent, community member or local business like to be the most popular person at Northome School?

If the answer to that question is "YES!" then you should sign up to volunteer or donate to Ice Cream Friday!

Scoop ice cream during the lunch hours (between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and the proceeds will go to the student account you wish to support. Donate the ice cream and all the cash earned will go into that account.

Currently, proceeds from ice cream Friday go into Northome School Prom account, Back to School Supply Drive and much more.

If interested you also can also choose to donate the proceeds to a Northome School activity or club of your choosing.

If interested call or email Steph Skaret @Sskaret@Northome.k12.mn.us or 218-897-5275 Ext.141

Angel Tree Program taking applications for Christmas gift giving

By Anette Hanson
School Nurse

Christmas is almost here and families in the Northome area are being given an opportunity to participate in the Angel Tree Program. This is available through the Salvation Army located in International Falls.

Through participating in this offer, your family can receive gifts for family members. These items are available at no cost to you. Along with gifts, we also hand out a food basket that has all the trimmings of a Christmas meal.

Please fill out the top right corner of the application form if you want food and toys (area on the form is highlighted for you to check off).

The intention of the Angel Tree Program is to reduce the amount of holiday stress and to insure the gift of giving is evident during the Christmas season.


The only requirement on the form is to record your child/children's name on the form. Your child will then receive a boy or girl gift related to their appropriate age. The program is for children ages 17 and under.

The Salvation Army will deliver the gifts to the Northome Community Center located on Main Street next to the municipal liquor store on Friday, Dec. 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you miss this scheduled time it will be your responsibility to pick up the gifts in International Falls.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer please fill out the enclosed form (one per family) and mail back to Anette Hanson no later than Tuesday, Nov. 22. Anything received after the deadline may not be accepted.

If you have any questions please contact Anette Hanson at 218-897-5275 ext 156.

Christmas 2023



The Salvation Army
1301 3rd Ave.
International Falls, MN 56649

PARENT LAST NAME _____ PARENT FIRST NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

BIRTHDATE _____ Age _____ MALE/FEMALE _____ ETHNICITY _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD

FOOD ONLY

FOOD & TOYS

I am applying for Christmas Assistance. By signing below, I authorize The Salvation Army to share my information with other assistance providers only in relation to this program and place my information into electronic storage. I certify the information on this form is correct. I also release The Salvation Army from any responsibilities of items given to me. I further acknowledge assistance is given free of charge and can be denied if false statements have been made or another provider is giving assistance. I realize that filling out this application does not guarantee assistance in all or any part of The Salvation Army services.

I furthermore give consent for my families photograph(s) to be taken and for The Salvation Army to use those images to promote and publicize its work.

Signature _____

Date _____

PICK-UP TIME & DATE:

DATE: **December 15, 2023**

TIME: 11:00am - 12:00pm


ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THE HOUSEHOLD:

NAME	BIRTHDATE	SEX	AGE	ETHNIC
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Verification of custody of child is required.
I VERIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____ INTERVIEWER SIGNATURE _____



The Salvation Army
1301 3rd Ave.
Int'l Falls, MN 56649
(218)283-3394

(Please be prepared to wait and please do not bring your children with you)

Name _____
Last Name First Name

Signed _____
Interviewer

PICK-UP
December 15, 2023
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD: _____

DO NOT LOSE THIS TICKET
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR GIFTS/FOOD AT THE TIME LISTED

NHS English Department Presents A Guided Cemetery Tour

Anna Victoria (Falkman) Lundberg 1875-1949

By Mariah Hanson
Junior

Hello, my name is Anna Victoria Falkman. I go by a shorter version of my middle name; I go by Tora. I was born in Sweden on June 14, 1875. Have any of you been in Sweden? It really is a beautiful place. This area reminds me a lot of my home country. I attended school there. I left Sweden at the age of 20. Went all the way to Duluth, Minnesota on the shores of Lake Superior.

Do you like taking photos? I do. In 1900 I became a photographer. You may find it odd that a woman would become a photographer, but I believe that women can do a great many things. This is also when I met Anton Lundberg. In 1903 that is when I became Anna Victoria Lundberg. Anton and I moved to Northome and lived on a

homestead for a year, then we built our very own log cabin. It was such a lovely log cabin. When we moved here I had a good feeling about this place.

Northome had a hotel, a school, a jail house, a church and so much more. It was very big on logging. Then I had my first child, Portus, then Tony, then Ruby, Helen and, of course, Daisy. I had another, but sadly, he did not survive. His name was Clinton, and he died in infancy. Many mothers lost young children in those days. That was a very hard time for me.

Later on my husband, Anton Lundberg, was elected mayor of Northome. I was so proud. When it came time to send the kids off to school, I thought back to my education; I went to a Swedish equivalent of high school, and a church

supported school for girls; so Anton and I were both wanting our children to have a good education, but we did not want them to complete high school, we did want them to go to college though. The boys were sent to University of Minnesota, and the girls were sent to Bemidji Teachers' college.

Oh the good ol days, how I do miss them; except for when Daisy got horribly sick with septicemia, a poisoned condition of the blood. We didn't know at the time, but it can be caused by bacteria or a virus entering the bloodstream. After two years, we brought her to Rochester to the Mayo Clinic, for her tonsils to be removed, but no one knew at the time that the sickness was to strong, and all that medical skill and loving hands could do was of no help to conquering the sickness; she had reached the point where no one could stop the sickness. We were all deeply distraught of her passing; it felt like a piece of my heart was missing. It was a hard

time for us all.

We buried her in the Forest Hill cemetery. I am sick at the moment, I have not been feeling well. I have had this horrible illness for almost nine months now. Hopefully, I will get better soon. I can not wait to see my six grandchildren.

There is Karen, Tommy and Carol Ann Lundberg of Northome; then there is Susan, Ann and Kenneth Mckenna of Duluth. Well anyway, I know you all have lots of people to visit today, so I will let you guys go. Thank you for being such good listeners. Have a wonderful rest of your day!

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Louise Mary Engelking Schumacher Johnson 1875-1961

By Abby Rosson
Junior

Hello, my name is Louise but people call me Aunt Lizzie. I was born on February 2, 1875 in Lake County, Indiana to Henry and Caroline Engelking. When I was 24 years old, I married Fred Schumacher. In 1901, my parents moved us all the way up here to this town which, at the time, was called Englewood Township. It had a few other names after that including New Bridgie, Phena and North Home (two words) There was not much here when I arrived. There were first roads which were usually mud. A few buildings were erected and a hotel was built.

When I was growing up, we had a pretty big family. I have two sisters and seven brothers. My brothers helped build my family an eight-bedroom log house. We lived four miles east of town. In 1903, the town was renamed Northome,

one word. Fred and I were renting the hotel from the Bancrofts, and we ran a store on the main floor. We immediately got rid of the bar that had been in this hotel. We didn't need the troubles a bar might bring. The building is still standing. Do you know Corey and Sarah Lindley? Their house used to be the hotel my husband and I ran.

In 1904, we started building another store on Main Street on the south side and in the middle of the block. February 14 was a very tragic day for the town because while my husband was out working on our new store it caught on fire. The store burned completely and I lost my husband. Just six days later I gave birth to our beautiful daughter, Winifred Schumacher, in St. Paul Minnesota. She was so perfect but it was really hard and scary because I was going to have to raise her all by myself.

It was a very rough few years but I stayed in Northome and met another man named Denis Johnson. We married five years later. After we were married, we ran a farm and had lots of cows. A few years later we decided to move away from the farm and into the village because of our failing health. We started to build our very own home in the same location of the first homesteaders cabin. It was lovely and overlooked the west end of Northome's Main Street. When we first arrived, there was not a single tree cut.

Soon after leaving the farm, we found out we were having a baby, but it was a baby boy this time. We had our happy little family, Winnifred and Arthor, in our beautiful home. In 1926, Clarence, David, and Donna Engelking came to live with us. I loved having family around. I mean I have seven grandchildren and

21 great grandchildren. Believe me, I definitely had my hands full.

I had a very fulfilling life. There were many obstacles that I had to overcome but I always had people by my side to support me and help me through anything. I died suddenly on August 6, 1961. It felt like I was around here forever, and I loved being around here and I hoped you enjoyed it as much as I did. I will always remember the good times that I had and I will cherish them forever. I had some good laughs with my friends and family. I am excited to meet my grandchildren someday, but not too soon. Thank you for visiting! Please come again soon!

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A Guided Cemetery Tour

Patrick DesJarlait

By Kendra Rosebear
Grade 9

Note: the author of this piece is writing in the persona of her great grandfather, artist Patrick DesJarlait, who overcame a childhood blindness to become a prolific artist. Although not part of the Forest Hill Cemetery Tour, his story reflects the research and imagination that the writing project sought.

Boozhoo, my name is Patrick DesJarlait (Nagabo which means: boy of the woods), and I am an artist from the Ojibwe Nation. I was born on March 1, 1921, to Solomon DesJarlait and Elizabeth Blake and belong to the Makwa (bear) clan. My parents, six siblings and I lived in a cabin near Red Lake, MN.

When I was five years old, I caught a disease called trachoma that affected my eyesight and the disease lasted eight months then I got my sight back. This encouraged me to start drawing. I was nicknamed Gwiwizens odayan ozhibii 'iganaak (Little boy with the pencil) by people on the reservation.

At the age of six, I was forced to go to St. Mary's boarding school in Red Lake where the nuns taught us how to live religiously; they gave us different names; my sisters were

named after saints and my brothers and I got Irish names.

In the boarding school, they wanted to colonize us; they prohibited us from speaking our native language, doing crafts or playing games that involved our Ojibwe culture.

After boarding school, I went to Red Lake High School where there were no art classes, but the drama teacher encouraged me to paint for the school plays. When I finished high school, I thought there was no life for me outside of reservation life, but my drama teacher helped get me a scholarship to attend Arizona State College.

Moving out of state and attending college changed my life. I was fascinated with the Southwest Native American artists and studied modern artists like Picasso and Rivera. In 1941 during World War II, I enlisted in the U.S Navy. In my first year, I was sent to the desert outreaches of Poston, Arizona where I taught art lessons in a Japanese concentration camp.

During that time, I met a member of the Laguna Pueblo tribe named Eleanor. We married and had one daughter together in 1943, her name is Patricia. In my last three years in the Navy, I was re-

located to San Diego where my art skills got me a job making cartoon animation instructional films on things like how to assemble torpedoes. During this time, an art gallery offered me a solo exhibition to display my paintings.

After the war, I was ready to move back to Red Lake; however; Eleanor was not ready to move to Minnesota. She stayed in New Mexico and we later divorced. I moved back to Red Lake and fell in love with a childhood friend named Ramona Needham. Ramona and I had five kids together, their names are Robert, Patrick, Delmar, Ronald, and Charmaine.

In 1952, I was sitting in a meeting drawing on a napkin. I drew a bear, which became the Hamm's Beer Bear mascot. A few years later in 1954, I redesigned the Land O' Lakes butter maiden, Mia. In the new design, I added Native American floral to the maiden's clothing and included two lakes in the background, which are the meeting points of upper and lower Red Lake.

This is just a small summary of my life and there's more to tell, but right now I am working on a piece of artwork called Mother and Child that I must go work on.



Artist Patrick DesJarlait holds up Red Lake Fisherman which he painted. He is also famous for his depiction of the Hamms Bear and the Land-o-Lakes butter maiden, Mia. (Photo by DesJarlait Family)



Frank Carl Engelking

By Lexi Hallstrom
Grade 9

Hello, my name is Frank Engelking. Is this your first time visiting my meat market? I don't recall seeing you here before. Northome is a very lovely town and the community is filled with kind and caring people. Do you have any family from this town? Your last name sounds very familiar.

I was born on March 24, 1872 in Brown, Minnesota, United States. My dad is Henry Frederick Wilhelm George Engelking and my mom is Emilie Caroline Lesemann.

My wife, Anna Louise Johnson, and I got married on October 24, 1900, in Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine, Minnesota, United States. The scenery was so beautiful, it was per-

fect for my wife and I.

We moved to Northome MN in 1906. While we were traveling to Northome, Louise couldn't nurse Gladys, our first child, so we had to buy a cow. We lived in the same house for the next sixty years. We were surrounded by lots of loving family and friends. Never did our yard look bad, we gardened and planted lots of colorful flowers and shrubs. We also had very large, beautiful trees around our house. Our home was known to be cozy, attractive, and always welcoming. My brothers and I built a saw mill east of town by a lake. I would log in the winter and spend the summer at the mill.

We were blessed with six beautiful children and they were all

girls. School was only half a block away from our house, so all six of them graduated from the same high school. I have 11 siblings, eight brothers and three sisters. My wife and I have twelve grandchildren and thirty-one great grandchildren. My father passed away when he was forty in 1880. My mother died in 1918 at the age of 74.

My wife and I love being able to help out in the community and socializing. We are very well known in our town and community. Anna, my wife, has been a member of the Methodist Church for about sixty years and raised her family in that faith. She is also a charter member of the Northome's Women's Club and was active in other early day organizations.

Most of our daughters lived

close but some moved away after a couple of years living by us. Although, they all lived very happy and successful lives. Joyce, our youngest daughter, spent most of her married life in Northome helping in the care and comfort of me and my wife. My wife ended up passing away on September 30, 1958 at the ages of 80. She was buried in Emmons, Freeborn, Minnesota, United States. I had got very sick, so my daughter Joyce took care of me until I passed away from a lingering illness on December 23, 1961 at the age of 89. I was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Northome, Koochiching, Minnesota, United States.

I have to get back to the meat market, it was nice to meet you.



MUSTANG BASKETBALL SEASON



Home Openers
 Girls: Friday, Dec. 8 in Kelliher
 Boys: Friday, Dec. 8 in Northome

Mustang Athletics is game workers for the boy's basketball games.

2023-2024 MUSTANG GIRLS BASKETBALL					
Day & Date	Opponent	Site	Level(s)	JH Start	
MON, NOV 13	PRACTICE STARTS	KELLIHER	JV & V		
MON, NOV 20	PRACTICE STARTS	KELLIHER	JH		
TUE, NOV 28	FERTILE-BELTRAMI	FERTILE	V & JV		
TUE, DEC 5	RED LAKE	RED LAKE	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
FRI, DEC 8	BLACKDUCK	KELLIHER	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
MON, DEC 11	WARROAD	WARROAD	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
TUE, DEC 12	LOW	BAUDETTE	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
THU, DEC 21	FISHER/CLIMAX	KELLIHER	V & JV		
FRI, DEC 22	MIB	KELLIHER	V & JV		
THU, JAN 4	ROSEAU	KELLIHER	V & JV		
FRI, JAN 5	CLEARBROOK-GONVICK	CLEARBROOK	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
TUE, JAN 9	LAPORTE	KELLIHER	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
THU, JAN 11	NEVIS	NEVIS	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
TUE, JAN 16	WALKER	KELLIHER	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
FRI, JAN 19	CASS LAKE	CASS LAKE	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
SAT, JAN 20	7TH GRADE Tournament	DEER RIVER	7TH GRADE	TBD	
TUE, JAN 23	RED LAKE	KELLIHER	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	
THU, JAN 25	BLACKDUCK	BLACKDUCK	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	

2023-2024 MUSTANG BOYS BASKETBALL					
Day & Date	Opponent	Site	Level(s)	JH Start	JV and Varsity Start
MON, NOV 20	PRACTICE STARTS	NORTHOME	JV & V		3:20
MON, NOV 27	PRACTICE STARTS	NORTHOME	JH		3:20
TUE, DEC 5	NORTHLAND	REMER	V, JV, & JH	5:45 JH	5:45 JV 7:15 V
FRI, DEC 8	BIGFORK	NORTHOME	V, JV, & JH	5:45 JH	5:45 JV 7:15 V
MON, DEC 11	LOW	BAUDETTE	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
FRI, DEC 15	PINE RIVER	NORTHOME	V & JV		5:45 JV 7:15 V
TUE, DEC 19	LITTLEFORK	LITTLEFORK	V, JV, & JH	5:45 JH	5:45 JV 7:15 V
THU, DEC 21	CLIMAX-FISHER	KELLIHER	V & JV		6:00 JV 4:30 V
TUE, JAN 2	LITTLEFORK	NORTHOME	V, JV, & JH	5:45 JH	5:45 JV 7:30 V
THU, JAN 4	CASS LAKE	NORTHOME	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
TUE, JAN 9	WALKER	KELLIHER	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
FRI, JAN 11	NEVIS	NEVIS	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
THU, JAN 18	LAPORTE	NORTHOME	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
FRI, JAN 19	NORTH WOODS	NORTHOME	V, JV, & JH	TBD	5:45 JV 7:15 V
MON, JAN 22	HILL CITY	NORTHOME	V, JV, & JH	5:45 8th 6:45 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
TUE, JAN 23	BLACKDUCK	BLACKDUCK	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
FRI, JAN 26	RED LAKE	NORTHOME	V, JV, & JH	5:00 8th 6:00 7th	5:45 JV 7:15 V
THU, FEB 1	PINE RIVER	PINE RIVER	JV & V		5:45 JV 7:15 V

HALLOWEEN MENU

Each student in Mr. Moen's sixth grade class were asked to create two items for their Witches' Restaurant. They took items from a regular menu that they liked and made it gross like something Halloween creatures might order. They were directed, "Use your imagination. Use creative words."

Appetizers:

Flying Quesadilla:

It has bat wing shells filled with limburger cheese and your choice of meat: ground bat, mouse tails or chopped cockroach; served with our house vomit salsa.

Mini Screamza:

Earwax noodles with mouse turds and scream sauce on a toenail crust to add that extra crunch.

French Mummy Fingers:

Deep fried to an extra crisp. served with cat gutsup or fisheye sauce.

Main Dishes:

Blue Chicken Legs:

Blue moldy chicken with that black fuzzy mold, wrapped in zombie skin, fried to a crunch. Served with cow or chicken gut sauce.

Mowlash:

Curved toe jam toenails coated with rotten chunky green milk served with a piece of moldy dandruff toast.

Grilled Chicken Eyes:

Seasoned with toenail clipping and mummy dust. Topped with hemoglobin.

The Other White Meat:

Thick white wormy rotten cat meat filled with goo and coated in bat spit.

Creamy Crocodile Soup:

Rotten crocodile meat with fiery vampire blood, a dash of rotten puffball mushroom and

fish heads. Cooked to a creamy perfection.

Zomato Soup:

A perfect combo of Slimy Intestines of a Zombie, The Heart of a cat, the liver of Frankenstein, and a Rotten Brain, Boiled in pig snot and worms to a creamy paste, with moldy bread and chicken feet sauce.

Tongue Soup:

Gorilla tongue and mummy tongues diced perfectly in a saliva broth topped with zombie teeth!!

Zom Pot Pie:

Mummy wrappings crust, filled with all your favorite zombie parts, squirmy maggots and topped with mummy toenail seasoning.

Green Noodles:

Made from green toe jam. topped with delicious green septic sauce and stitches.

Meat Peze:

Zombies skin crust filled with ground up goolog residence and grilled crunchy eyeballs.

The Zombie:

Green rotten pureed zombie flesh, chilled with walking dead blood cubes and sweetened with antifreeze.

Butchers Salad:

Moldy lettuce tossed with fingers, zombie skin and mummy pieces. served with your choice of dressing: rotten ranch, chunky romans, bloody western.

Vampire Fangs:

Vampire fangs chips served with chunky vampire sauce.

Gutsggetti:

Gut noodles with moldy 100 year old meatballs.

Buffalo Feet:

Freshly Harvested still muddy buffalo feet. Snot soaked and grease

injected, served with an acid sauce that will melt your face off.

Franken Steak:

5 pound rotten steak served with sauce of the dead.

Dessert:

Zombiecake

Rotten moldy zombies with fingernails perfectly burnt to a crisp at 10,000 degrees with eye and fish slime frosting.

Eyescream Blood Day:

Fermented, creamed and frozen eyeballs topped with your choice of toppings: manure fudge, venom sauce or pureed cow organs. Sprinkled with dried canine eyes.

Septic Brownies:

Your classic brownie mix with chunky septic water and rotten eggs [shell and all] with a scoop of sour ice cream.

Cinnamon Crocodile Rolls:

Ground crocodile legs layered with crocodile scales, crocodile teeth and a lot of crocodile toenails. Frosted with liquified spiders!!

Drinks:

Monster Dew

Green zombie blood mixed with a perfect smooth zombie grease, topped with a variety of monster eyeballs.

Bloody Murder:

Fresh werewolf blood and zombie eyeballs. Optional additions: Fish guts, werewolf guts or witches pimples. Loaded has all three.

Creamed Zit Sauce:

Frozen and mixed with battery acid for that unmistakable taste.

The Gross Drink:

Fish blood and snake venom.

Boo Berry Smoothie

A perfect mix of blueberries, soles, blue

WOULD YOU RATHER

eat a handful of pumpkin spice marshmallows

OR...

chew on a piece of pumpkin spice gum



Daylen Mohs
Senior

"Pumpkin spice gum because it's easier to chew."



Kane Grover
Senior

"Pumpkin spice gum because I don't like either. It sounds the least disgusting."



JuJu Forseen
Freshman

"Pumpkin spice gum because I look cute while chewing it."



Lexi Hallstrom
Freshman

"Pumpkin spice gum because I can spit it out."



Natalie Albrecht
8th Grade

"Pumpkin spice marshmallows because I can cook them over the fire"



Kiya Buentemeier
7th Grade

"Pumpkin spice gum because I like gum better."

Compiled by Cloey Buentemeier and Mariah Hanson
Juniors



What just happened? Were warnings being sent from beyond?

By Mariah Hanson
The Mustang Express

One cloudy day, my sister-in-law, Ahnika, and my sister, Bella, and I were all sitting inside my brother and Ahnika's small apartment in Bemidji. Dalton was at work while we were just chilling at home.

After we put my niece, Savanna, down for a nap, we decided to watch a scary movie. I can't watch scary movies at night; they give me night terrors. We decided on Stephen King's IT.

About a quarter of the way through the movie, the TV suddenly switched to Spotify. All we could see on the screen was the Spotify logo, but what we heard was chilling.

I started to look around the room and found the remote all the way across the room where no one was near. I froze in fear. I was confused. No one was near the remote, so how could this be happening? The TV started playing a song at about three-fourths the way through the song.

"Let us in."

Then it switched to a Disney song from "Princess and the Frog" called "The Shadow Man."

"Wherever you go, I'm right behind you; you might not see me, but I'm gonna find you."

Again it jumped to another song. This time "Let it Go."

"Don't let them in, don't let them see."

It skipped more towards the end of the song.

"I'm never going back."

Ahnika and I were just sitting there confused, kind of scared, trying to figure out how this was

happening.

Another song played, a song none of us have ever heard, and it only played one sentence.

"To those who fear, here's your warning."

Ahnika and I looked at each other, questioning what was happening. We continued to listen because it sounded like it was saying

*To those who fear, here's your warning,
and I'll keep wonderin' and wonderin' and
wonderin'.*

something, sending us a message. Were we being warned?

Then Tangled again.

"And I'll keep wonderin' and wonderin', and wonderin' When will my life begin?"

All of the sentences followed logically. Spotify never jumped into the middle of a sentence; it was at the entire sentence from beginning to end. I found it weird, because it wasn't playing in the beginning or the end; it was playing in specific parts, saying a full sentence.

All together, the message to us was as follows.

Let us in. Wherever you go, I'm right behind you; you might not see me, but I'm gonna find you. Don't let them in, don't let them see. I'm never going back. To those who fear, here's your warning, and I'll keep wonderin' and wonderin' and wonderin'.

Finally, it just switched back to our movie. We all just looked at each other in confusion, and fear. "What just happened?" Ahnika

grabbed the remote and turned off the TV. I told her, "It sounded like we were getting told something."

The night before this happened we searched Google the history of this house, and found that the girl who used to live in their apartment was kidnapped and murdered. We didn't know what these song lyrics meant for sure, but we

wondered if it was maybe a ghost, maybe it was a TV glitch; all we know is whatever it was, it scared us big time.

Right after that happened, Ahnika called one of her old friends who knows a lot about ghosts and spiritual stuff. We asked her what to do, and she had sage that her old friend gave her a while ago, and told us to burn it and it should get rid of any bad spirits that were around.

Ahnika and I, not knowing if it would even work, did as told and burned the sage around the house. "Do you actually think this is going to work?" Ahnika nodded. "I hope so!"

We sat down after we got done burning it. We continued on with our day trying to forget what just happened. After that we didn't see anything weird again, but who knows. Maybe it's still there and just hiding in the shadows.

All I know is I will never forget that unexplainable experience.



SENIOR PROFILE 2024



Kane Grover

Senior Quote: Courage is being scared to death but saddlin' up anyways.

Nicknames: Bubba, K-G.

Years at this school: 10 years, since second grade.

Person(s) who helped you through the years: Nurse Annette and Jennifer Warren.

Thoughts on your class: They are alright.

Hobbies: Working

Most challenging task as a senior so far this year: Being here everyday.

Favorite teacher or class: Mr. Swang and Mr. Johnson.

Favorite school memory: Too many to mention and probably not able to share here without getting into trouble.

Future plans: Go to a welding school in Minnesota and then work on an oil rig on the Gulf of Mexico near Texas.